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1. POUCHING TO SCIATT LIST OF NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS FROM
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES WHOSE BACKGROUNDS SUGGEST WOULD BE
HIGHLY QUALIFIED AS ADVISOR IN AREA OF SCIENCE POLICY.
THESE CONTRIBUTED INFORMALLY FROM SEVERAL KNOWLEDGEABLE
SOURCES. WE HAVE NOT ATTEMPTED MAKE ANY ASSESSMENT OF
RELATIVE CAPABILITIES, INTEREST OR AVAILABILITY AND
HEAVY COMMITMENTS OF MOST WOULD LIKELY PRECLUDE LARGE
PERCENTAGE AS PRACTICAL POSSIBILITIES.

2. AS DISCUSSED WITH CHAPMAN HERE AT SCIATT MEETING, WE
RELUCTANT TO MAKE APPROACH TO SABIN. WHILE CLEARLY
EMINENT SCIENTIST OF INTERNATIONAL STATURE IN HIS FIELD,
WE DO NOT BELIEVE HE WOULD HAVE EXPERIENCE AT BROAD
SCIENCE POLICY FORMULATION ESPECIALLY AT GOVERNMENT LEVELS
TO FIT THIS PARTICULAR POSITION. APPROACH BY DEPARTMENT
COULD BE INTERPRETED AS ENDORSEMENT, WHICH WE NOT YET
PREPARED TO MAKE. IF IRANIANS FIRM IN THIS RESPECT,
THEY MAY WISH MAKE APPROACH THROUGH IRANIAN EMBASSY HERE.

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3. WILL APPRECIATE BEING KEPT ADVISED ON THIS MATTER
AND WILL PURSUE FURTHER AS EMBASSY DESIRES. BROWN

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